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This instruction implements AFD 10-2, *Readiness*, and applies to all Headquarters Seventh Air Force (HQ 7 AF) units. It establishes procedures for participation of 7 AF units in off-peninsula deployments. Procedures for cross-country sorties and static displays are not included as their impact to mission capability are best managed at wing-level. Should either type of event affect the wing's ability to execute its ITO taskings, then backfill actions must be implemented.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This revision changes the long range schedule notification period from 6 months to 2 months to help facilitate realistic scheduling coordination, as well as other administrative changes. A bar (|) indicates revision from the previous edition.

1. General. Active command and control of 7 AF units is mandatory during deployment operations. Command and control is enhanced through long-range coordination, presentation of formal briefings, and after action reports. These actions ensure that each operation is reviewed and refined by the commander before execution.

2. Procedures.

2.1. Long Range Scheduling. Scheduling off peninsula deployments of OPLAN tasked units will be coordinated through the 7 AF POC, 607 AOG/CC. Notify the 607 AOG/CC as early as possible, but no later than 2 months prior to a deployment to allow for 7AF coordination and backfill decision. As soon as practical after notification, 607 AOG/CC will notify the wing if backfill is required. No later than one month prior, 607 AOG/CC will further review the wing's deployment schedule and re-assess the backfill requirement. Appropriate 7 AF staff officers will participate in deployment planning conferences and briefings to ensure standard guidance is provided to tasked 7 AF units.

2.2. Backfill. Backfill is required any time the 7 AF/CC determines that a wing's ITO tasking cannot be met with remaining on-peninsula assets. If backfill is required, 607 AOG/CC will work with PACAF/XP to identify needed backfill forces. Once identified, the tasked wing commander will coordinate with backfill forces and ensure a seamless transition to hostilities with those forces during contingencies.

2.2.1. The backfill unit will understand and meet its obligations under OPLAN tasking.

2.2.2. Aircraft units serving as backfill will have "like capability" to meet deploying unit's OPLAN tasking.

2.3. Deployment Briefing. The Detachment Commander (DETCO) of each deploying unit will present a briefing to 7 AF/CC (or a designated representative), and appropriate staff officers. The DETCO will present the briefing in sufficient time to permit any special guidance provided by 7 AF/CC, normally not later than 14 days before the deployment. The DETCO will contact the 7 AF/CC at least 30 days prior to the deployment date to schedule the briefing. Briefings will provide details of every facet of the operation (deployment, employment, and re-deployment). Place special emphasis on aircrew qualifications, refueling procedures, spare aircraft utilization, abort procedures, recovery procedures, airlift operations, and operating facilities. Include reporting procedures from deployed locations.

2.4. Operations Center. DETCOs will report changes in destination or deviations from the approved itinerary that would change arrival or departure time by more than 15 minutes.

2.5. After-Action Report. Within 30 days following completion of contingency operations, special missions, and large scale exercises, the senior operational commander will submit an after action report to 7 AF/CC.

2.6. De-Briefings. When requested, deployment debriefings will be presented to the 7 AF/CC.

2.7. Sample Briefing Guide. See [Attachment 1](#).

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Attachment 1

SAMPLE BRIEFING GUIDE

THIS GUIDE APPLIES TO ALL 7 AF UNIT DEPLOYMENT BRIEFINGS PRESENTED TO HQ 7 AF. BRIEFING FORMATS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A1.1. Classification.

A1.1.1. Name of Operation:

A1.1.1.1. Overall purpose.

A1.1.1.2. General description.

A1.1.2. Deployment Schedule:

A1.1.2.1. ADVON in place.

A1.1.2.2. Airlift schedule.

A1.1.2.3. Deployment date/times.

A1.1.3. Key Personnel and First Sergeant:

A1.1.3.1. Position.

A1.1.3.2. Rank.

A1.1.3.3. Name.

A1.1.4. Total of Personnel Deploying:

A1.1.4.1. Number of OPS.

A1.1.4.2. Number of Maintenance.

A1.1.4.3. Number of OPS Support.

A1.1.5. Aircrew Experience and 30-60-90 Flying Time:

A1.1.5.1. Rank.

A1.1.5.2. Name.

A1.1.5.3. Qualification.

A1.1.5.4. CAT.

A1.1.5.5. Flying Time: 30-60-90.

A1.1.5.6. Flying Time: Total in A/C. Last AAR.

A1.1.6. Dedicated Maintenance Crew Chiefs:

A1.1.6.1. Rank.

A1.1.6.2. Name.

A1.1.6.3. Position (AFSC).

A1.1.6.4. Remarks (Experience).

A1.1.7. Pre-deployment Aircrew Training (if any):

- A1.1.7.1. Academics.
- A1.1.7.2. Flying.
- A1.1.7.3. Simulator.
- A1.1.7.4. Survival equipment.

A1.1.8. Command and Control:

- A1.1.8.1. Mission Director.
- A1.1.8.2. Senior 7 AF representative (if applicable).
- A1.1.8.3. Launch Control Officer.
- A1.1.8.4. Tactical Aircraft Monitor.
- A1.1.8.5. Tanker Liaison Officer.
- A1.1.8.6. Mission Commander(s).
- A1.1.8.7. Change of operational control point (CHOP).

A1.1.9. Deployment Departure Lineup:

- A1.1.9.1. Call Sign.
- A1.1.9.2. Rank/Name.
- A1.1.9.3. A/C Takeoff/Land Time.
- A1.1.9.4. A/C Configuration.

A1.1.10. Departure Procedures:

- A1.1.10.1. Spare procedures (ground and air).
- A1.1.10.2. Instrument flight rule (IFR) departure procedures.

A1.1.11. Route of Flight:

- A1.1.11.1. Cross Section Profile.
 - A1.1.11.1.1. Total distance and time en-route.
 - A1.1.11.1.2. Aircraft configuration.
 - A1.1.11.1.3. Refueling.

A1.1.12. Emergency Airfields:

- A1.1.12.1. Runway length.
- A1.1.12.2. Navigational Aids (NAVAIDS).
- A1.1.12.3. Type barrier and arresting gear.

A1.1.13. Recovery and Arrival:

- A1.1.13.1. VFR recovery.

A1.1.13.2. IFR recovery.

A1.1.13.3. Airfield Diagram.

A1.1.14. Climatology for Worst Route Conditions:

A1.1.14.1. Percentage of the time conditions are less than 1500 feet and 3 miles (VFR).

A1.1.14.2. Percentage of the time conditions are less than destination or aircrew minimums, whichever is higher.

A1.1.15. Host Base Support:

A1.1.15.1. Billeting.

A1.1.15.2. Messing.

A1.1.15.3. Vehicles.

A1.1.16. Maintenance Support:

A1.1.16.1. AGE equipment.

A1.1.16.2. Hanger space.

A1.1.16.3. Specialists support.

A1.1.17. Intelligence:

A1.1.17.1. General intelligence situation.

A1.1.17.2. Meaconing, intrusion, jamming and interference (MIJI) procedures.

A1.1.17.3. Procedures to follow if a forced landing is made in neutral or unfriendly area.

A1.1.18. Employment Operations:

A1.1.18.1. Concept.

A1.1.18.2. Operations.

A1.1.18.3. Missions.

A1.1.18.4. Orientation sorties.

A1.1.18.5. Exercise play.

A1.1.18.6. Types and numbers of exercise sorties.

A1.1.18.7. Aircrew/aircraft turn rate.

A1.1.18.8. Other participants.

A1.1.18.9. Joint/combined training.

A1.1.18.10. Rules of engagement.

A1.1.18.11. Demonstrations.

A1.1.18.12. Other.

A1.1.18.13. Type of ordnance.

A1.1.18.14. Range procedures and location.

A1.1.18.15. Operating areas - locations and restrictions.

A1.1.18.16. Map of employment area.

A1.1.18.17. Command and control.

A1.1.18.18. Re-deployment: Use information as specified in items 3 through 11 as applicable.

A1.1.19. Funding Costs:

A1.1.19.1. Per diem and travel.

A1.1.19.2. Airlift.

A1.1.19.3. Contracts/Other.

A1.1.20. Significant Factors:

A1.1.20.1. Problem areas.

A1.1.20.2. Lessons learned.

A1.1.20.3. Conclusion and recommendations.